

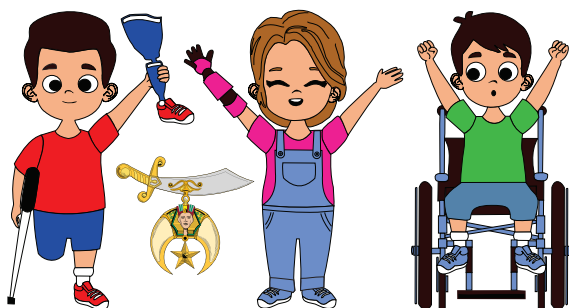
TEHRAN SHRINERS BULLETIN



April 2025



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Potentate

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From the Desk of: Potentate David Pitts



Greeting Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

I would like to thank everyone that donated and/or volunteered at Tehran's yard sale. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Camp Winning Hands., Carol's First Lady's Project. And a huge thank you to PP John Denton, who came up with the idea and worked so hard to make it happen.

April is a busy month. This month begins our parade calendar. Our High Priest & Profit, Nathan Williams, will keep us informed of the upcoming parades in his monthly article in the bulletin.

April 2nd, for those that are going on the Potentate's cruise, we will have a pre-cruise meeting at the Shrine Center, 6:00 PM. For those that haven't signed up, there may still be time if any cabins are available. Please contact Lorraine Kazarian at (559) 431-6987.

April 6th meeting of the Hillbilly Clan is being rescheduled to May 4th. Don't miss the fun as we initiate some new cousins. Details located in this bulletin.

Monday, April 7, a very special evening. Please bring your family and friends for a **Free** delicious spaghetti dinner, prepared by Tehran chefs, Mark Allen and Ron Manfredi. Our guest speaker is Alan Anderson, Director of Development at Shriners Northern California Hospital. Alan will share all the latest information as to how our hospital is helping the children they treat.

Two upcoming dates I would like for you to put on your calendar, now, so you don't miss out. Saturday, May 10th, our own Bryan Kincade and his crew will be preparing a mouth watering Mothers Day Brunch. **Free** to all Mothers. Watch for the details in the May bulletin. And Saturday, June 14th, we will travel to Shriners Hospital in Sacramento for the Annual Walk for Love and a tour of the hospital.

David Pitts, Potentate

From the Desk of: Chief Rabban Randy Forrester, PP



And the fun goes on. We just returned from the Western Shrine Association (WSA) meeting in Las Vegas and had a great time. It was fun meeting with the members of the Temples from all over the West, but also Mexico and Hawaii. WSA today is not what it was in the "old days" but they are working hard to bring back the old fun. The ladies had an especially good time with their luncheon and a tour of Fremont Street where all the "freaky people" hang out, strange but fun. In addition to a very nice President's Dinner there was a Sock Hop (but we will do it better). Since we will be adding other Shrine Centers from the Pacific, Western Shrine will be changing it's name to include the new region.

The Imperial Officers discussed upcoming Imperial Shrine sessions in Atlanta and Tampa. Unfortunately we are all getting older and as people pass away we are not replacing them fast enough and the Shrine population has decreased by over 9,000 members in the last year. Times have changed and new generations have different interests, so it is important that we change to make the Shrine attractive for the younger generations. Think about what would make the Shrine experience exciting today. Reminds me of the old saying "if you continue to do what you did, you will continue to get what you got".

On another note our Hospitals are doing great and as busy as ever. Pam and I along with our Potentate and 1st lady will be touring our Mexico City hospital in May. It is one of our busiest and most needed hospitals (Medical care is different in Mexico) and transporting kids across the border to the US has become much more difficult and expensive. To see what we do for the kids at our Sacramento hospital, plan on going to the Walk of Love in June.

In closing, I will sound like a broken record but, our Potentate and First Lady have been doing a great job and our clubs and units have some great events coming up (watch the monthly bulletin for upcoming events). Remember you only get out of life what you put into it so plan on coming out to help and enjoy. Everyone is welcome so invite your Shrine and Masonic friends and anyone who is not a Mason, but feels that helping children while having fun is important.

Fraternally,
Randy Forrester, PP
Chief Rabban

From the Desk of: Assistant Rabban Jason Weiner



The past few weeks have reaffirmed why I love being a Shriner and supporting Shriners Children's—we are truly an incredible organization.

Zuly and I just returned from the Assistant Rabban's seminar in Tampa, Florida, and we had an amazing time. The Shrine has evolved tremendously since I first joined in 1991 and has grown into a global healthcare provider for children. The days of 22 hospitals in North America and Mexico are behind us. Today, Shriners Children's operates 125 locations across 28 states and 30 countries. We have transitioned from a traditional hospital model to a more expansive approach, incorporating over 100 outpatient centers worldwide. This shift has allowed us to reach and care for more children in more countries than we ever imagined.

Excitingly, we are building a new hospital in Mexico that will significantly expand our capacity to serve children from Mexico and South America. In 2024 alone, Shriners Children's performed over 24,000 life-changing surgeries, 446,799 rehabilitation procedures, 59,431 prosthetic and orthotic deliveries, and welcomed 62,000 new patients—truly remarkable achievements!

Zuly and I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events and sharing in the camaraderie that makes our Shrine so special.

Fraternally,

Jason Weiner
Assistant Rabban



From the Desk of: Oriental Guide Michael Graham



Hello Nobles & Ladies,

Spring will soon be sprung and I think we're all excited for a fun filled season!

I wanted to just touch on some quick updates.

Parade season will soon be upon us, and we're working diligently to add some fun new rides to those parades.

Shriners Children's has now become the largest motion analysis center in the world!

Shriners Children's Canada just celebrated 100 years of helping children.

"Shriners Children's Canada is more than a hospital – it is a place of healing, discovery and hope. For 100 years, we have been changing lives, thanks to the dedication of our medical teams, the generosity of our donors, and the unwavering commitment of the Shriners community," said Boissonneault.





"Today, we honor this legacy and look forward to a future filled with even more possibilities for the children we serve."

Wishing everyone well, see you all soon!

Fraternally

Michael Graham
Oriental Guide



APRIL 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Pre-Cruise Meeting	3	4	5 * <u>Past Potentate Night & Nobility Ball</u> Laton Rodeo Parade
6 Hillbillies - CANCELLED	7 <u>Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting*</u> Pageantry Practice	8 Temple Guard/Patrol	9 Fresno Shrine Club Daughters of the Nile	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Clowns Bulletin Deadline <u>FMAB Mtg</u>	16 Nile Sewing	17 Roustabouts	18 Good Friday Novkeys	19
20 Easter 	21 Scottish Rite	22 <u>BOD Mtg "Board of Directors"</u>	23	24	25	26 <u>Clovis Rodeo Parade *</u>
27	28 Merced Mariposa Shrine Club Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 	29 Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 	30 Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 			
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- APR 5** Past Potentate Night & Nobility Ball *
APR 5 Laton Rodeo Parade - 10:00 a.m.
APR 7 Tehran Shrine Stated Meeting * - 7:00 p.m.
APR 7 Pageantry Practice
APR 8 Temple Guard/Patrol
APR 9 Fresno Shrine Club
APR 9 Daughters of the Nile
APR 15 Clowns
APR 15 Bulletin Submission Deadline
APR 15 FMAB Meeting
APR 16 Nile Sewing
APR 17 Roustabouts
APR 18 Novkeys
APR 21 Scottish Rite
APR 22 BOD Mtg "Board of Directors" 6:30 p.m.
APR 26 Clovis Rodeo Parade *
APR 28 Merced-Mariposa Shrine Club
APR 28 Pote's Cruise Catalina & Ensenada*
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MAY 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 	2 Pote's Cruise – Catalina & Ensenada 	3
4 Hillbillies	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> Pageantry Practice	6	7	8	9	10 <u>Mother's Day Brunch*</u>
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It's Parade Season

Dust off your costume.
Tune up your ride.
Update your calendar,
you don't want to miss all the fun!



Come out and support your club or unit.
Spouses, Significant Others, Friends, & Children

April 5th, 10 a.m. - Laton Rodeo Parade

April 26th, 9:30 a.m. - Clovis Rodeo Parade (Shrine Event)
Hot Dogs, Chips & Drinks will be provided after parade!

May 17th, 10:00 a.m. - Chowchilla Spring Festival Parade
& Shrine BBQ (More details in May Bulletin.)

May 26th, 10.00 a.m. - Farmersville Memorial Parade

Quilt Opportunity Drawing Proceeds to Benefit the 2025 1st Lady's Project

Tickets on Sale Now!
Drawing to be held on
August 23rd, 2025
at the
1st Lady's Sock Hop!

5 Tickets for \$20.00

Contact : 1st Lady Carol Pitts



TEHRAN SHRINE



*Cordially invites You and Your Guest
to the*

2025 Past Potentate Night & Nobility Ball

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno

Social 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Semi-Formal Attire

\$50.00 per person

Dinner Entree Options:

Salmon or Chicken

Please RSVP by March 28, 2025

Make Check Payable to Tehran Shrine

Credit Card Payment, call Temple Office

559-251-1991

FRESNO SHRINE CLUB

Come have lunch with your friends!



Sometimes you wanna go
Where everybody knows your name
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see
Our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows your name.



Our April 9th meeting is at
Tehran Shrine Center

5407 E Olive Ave, Fresno

Lunch will be by Hewitt's Catering

Menu still to be determined

12 Noon Social - Lunch at 12:30

 **\$20.00 per Person**

Reservations needed by
Monday April 7th, 2025

Please call or text
Terre Rhymes-Stricker at
559-458-9114 or
email me4pekes@yahoo.com
to make your reservations.





SHRINERS

INTERNATIONAL

Merced-Mariposa Counties Shrine Club

Will Be Meeting on the **4th Monday of Each Month.**

April 28th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Station

125 E. Yosemite Ave

Merced, CA

All Tehran Noble Shriners, Masons,

Spouses & Friends are Invited

Fez's are Optional

RSVP to Noble Bob Monroe

(209-628-4413)

Noble Bob Murdoch

(559-223-4676)

Callin' all cuzins. The Clan will begin meetin again. Please join us and bring a friend!

Grand and Glorious Order of

The Hillbillys

Sierra Clan #60

**NOTICE:
DATE CHANGE**

Please bring an
appetizer to share.



**Initiation of new
Hillbillys**



Sunday, May 4th, 2025

3:30 p.m. - Social 4:00 p.m. - Meeting

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

Tehran Shrine Center

5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA

Dinner: Enchilada Casserole, Rice, Salad,
Chips & Salsa, Dessert, Beverage

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Please RSVP by Friday, May 2nd
to: Mark Dawson

559-643-1956

dmdawson@webdawsons.com





You're Invited to

Mother's Day Brunch

at The Tehran Shrine Center
5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, CA

Saturday, May 10th, 2025


10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: Free to all Mothers and children 12
and under. All others \$15.00 each.

Join us for amazing food prepared by one
of Tehran's talented chefs, Bryan Kincaid.

A thank you to all the Mothers from the
Nobles of Tehran Shrine.

RSVP to Shrine Office
(559) 251-1991
no later than Tuesday, May 6, 2025.





The Pleasure Of Your Company
Is Requested For The

1st Lady's Afternoon Tea

Saturday, June 21st, 2025
12:00 p.m.

Tehran Shrine Center
5407 E. Olive Ave, Fresno, CA

Cost: \$35.00

Menu

Finger Sandwiches & Mini Quiche
Scones, Dessert
Champagne, Tea and Coffee

Kindly RSVP to Terre Stricker by
Friday, June 13th
(559)458-9114



St. Patrick's Day Dinner Clowns March 2025



Fresno Shrine Club - March 2025



Novkeps - March 2025



TEHRAN SHRINE

APRIL STATED MEETING



Guest Speaker
Alan Anderson
Shriners Children's Nor Cal

Monday, April 7, 2025
5:30 p.m. - Social 6:00 p.m. - Dinner
7:00 - Stated Meeting

Tehran Shrine Center
5407 East Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA

Attire: Casual, Nobles with Fez
Must Be a Noble in "Good Standing"
Dues card required.

Dinner Menu: Spaghetti with Italian Sauce, Meatballs, Garden Salad and Italian Bread.

Cost: No Charge (Please RSVP.)

Guest Speaker will be Alan Anderson, Senior Director of Philanthropy, Shriners Children's Northern California.

Please RSVP to the Temple (559) 251-1991 or to
dpitts01@icloud.com. Office hours are Monday - Thursday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you call before or after office hours
please leave a message and we will call you back to confirm.